

Notes

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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10:30 AM



God loves us not because of

who we are, but

because of who He is.

COMMUNION PREPARATION!

Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. In this sacrament we receive not only bread and wine but also the body and blood of our savior Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. If you are a baptized Christian who understands the meaning and use of these elements and who confesses your sins, you are welcome to commune with us. Children who don't commune and those who choose not to commune are invited to come to the alter for a blessing. For those not communing placing your hands under the rail or folding your hands will let us know of your intentions. For those who prefer grape juice, you may choose an individual cup from the center rings of the communion tray.

Office Hours for Deacon Larry:

Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Stop by to visit or call. He would like to hear from you.

Today

Elder: Greg Grill
Greeter: Ann Oliver
Reader: Jeanne Butler
Servers: Shirley Grill & Velma Bariletti
Altar Guild: Fran Jacob Jackie Cegavske Karen Bischopink
Counting: Greg Grill

Next Week 9.11.16

Elder: Don Butler
Greeter: Jim & Waunita Marshall
Reader: Debbie Graham
Server: Jon & Laura Bell
Altar Guild: Fran Jacob Jackie Cegavske Karen Bischopink
Counting: Greg Grill

To Our Guests: Welcome!

We're glad you are here. We hope you will experience Christ's presence and love as we worship Him together in Spirit and in Truth.

Altar Flowers:

*Provided by
Tedisch Family
For God's Many Blessings!*

Happening This Week

Sunday - 9:00 AM: Bible Study
10:30 AM: Church Service

Monday - 10:00 AM: Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday - 1:00 PM: Ladies Guild

Wednesday - 10:30 AM: Elders Meeting

Friday - 7:00 PM: NA Meeting

Closing Hymn:

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" (LSB 924, 3 verses)

P: *Go in Peace,
Serve the Lord,*

C: ***Thanks be to God***

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Those for Whom we pray:

Connie Engel -
Ben Padilla -
Pastor Arlyn Russert -
Paula Cowley -
Dan Cowley -
Piper Dillon -
Samantha -
Dolores Ellifritz -
Denny & Karen Hewitt -
Sue Elliot -



Last Sunday

Attendance - 39

Adult Bible Study - 19

Offerings

8/28/16 \$1,185.00
Offerings needed each week
\$1,691.75

Remember our military

Caleb Burks
Keith Roberts
Jeff Rowe

Deacon Jim Fryckman will be here September 11th & 18th, so Deacon Larry & Ann may go visit her mother in South Dakota. Please keep Larry and Ann in your prayers during their travel.

We still need someone to print our newsletter. Information would be sent to you each month so you would not be totally on your own.

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are searching for a home church, we welcome you to join us for worship each Sunday. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Larry, 541-730-6673

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C:  A - - - men. 

We share God's Peace.

Distribution Hymns:

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” (LSB 618, 5 verses)

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” (LSB 918, 3 verses)

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (LSB 425, 4 verses)

NUNC DIMITTIS (LSB 199)

 **Lord, now lettest thou Your servant depart in peace according to Your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Is - - - - rael. Glory be to the Father and to the son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.**

A—men 

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us in this life-giving Sacrament, and we pray that You will continue to open our eyes to our Savior's gracious leading, so that we may renounce all else to follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As We Gather:

We go through life accumulating things and friends and reputation. Too often we make decisions based on how well we will be able to hold on to them. At those times, Moses' and Jesus' words “Ready to give up?” are a challenge to us. Are you ready to give up your allegiance to people, possessions, and self in order to be given something much greater we do not deserve—the grace of God and the Promised Land, heaven itself? Although the faith-informed decision might seem fraught with dangerous cross-bearing, it is the natural thing for the believer.

Prelude:

“Now the Silence” (LSB 910)

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn:

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” (LSB 685, 4 verses)

(Please stand)

Confession & Absolution:

P: When the people of Israel were about to enter the Promised Land, as we shall hear, Moses challenged them to obey the commandments, statutes, and rules of the Lord.

C: **We confess that we have failed to obey in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Our hearts have turned away from God, our ears have become deaf to His Word, and we have put other things in His rightful place. Show us Your grace and mercy, Lord our God.**

P: Moses invited the people to choose life, Paul urged freedom for a slave, and Jesus called everyone with ears to hear His Word.

C: **But we are by nature sinners, incapable of choosing good without the help of our gracious God. For Jesus' sake, heavenly Father, forgive, renew, and strengthen us that we might faithfully follow our Savior in all that we think, do, and say.**

P: God had promised the Israelites the Promised Land, and Jesus' carrying His cross through death to life has opened the door to the eternal promised land of heaven to all who call on Him for grace and mercy. To those who believe on His name He give power to become the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: **Amen.**

Introit (LSB 186)

♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the holy ghost.; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.** ♪

Kyrie (LSB 186)

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.** ♪

Salutation (LSB 189)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with your spir - it.** ♪

Prayer of the Day

P: We pray as indicated:

O merciful Lord, Your Son has called us to follow Him no matter the cost.

C: **Grant us open eyes to see beyond the cross to the Promised Land that awaits us because of His sacrifice on our behalf;**

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(Be Seated)



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by the Second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C: **Amen.**

The Words Of Our Lord:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

"Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises we are bold to pray"

The Lord's Prayer: (LSB - inside back cover)

(Please stand)

Prayer of the Church

P: Into your hands O Lord we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy and praying that your will be done through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: AMEN.

Preface (LSB 194)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪ And with thy spirit. ♪**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **♪ We lift them to the Lord. ♪**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **♪ It is meet and right so to do. ♪**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who invited sinners to follow Him in faithful obedience, relying on His righteousness alone throughout our pilgrimage, until we join saints and angels around Your throne, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus (LSB 195)

♪ Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. ♪



First Lesson Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The book of Deuteronomy is Moses' farewell sermon to the Children of Israel in the wilderness just before they enter the Promised Land. In chapter 30 he advises them to obey God's commandments and choose eternal life.

[Moses said,] "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson Reading Philemon 1:1-21

Paul sends Onesimus, a slave, back to his master asking that the master treat Onesimus as a brother. (It isn't often that we read an entire book of the Bible during a worship service!)

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker—² also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. ⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—¹⁰ that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

¹² I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. ¹⁵ Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰ I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter. (LSB 190)

C: **♪ Glory be to You, O Lord. ♪**

Gospel Lesson Reading

Luke 14:25-35

We learn about the cost of discipleship today. Jesus lays down some pretty stringent requirements for those who would follow him. We need to understand that the word translated “hate” means to “love less.” So we are not called to hate anyone but to love Jesus more than anything or anyone including ourselves.

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

³¹ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

³⁴ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ³⁵ It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. (LSB 191)

C: **♪ Praise be to You, O Christ. ♪**

*God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
Nicene Creed (LSB #inside back cover)*

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Take My Life and Let It Be” (LSB 783, 6 verses)

Message

Offering:

*We offer our gifts to God in humble gratitude acknowledging
that all we have comes from Him.*

Offertory Hymn (LSB 192)

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. A – men. ♪